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January 2, 2006

Dear Sir/Madam,

This appeal is for Billed Entity # 232868, application 471 # 453660, FRN # 1246674, 1246676, 1246679.

We requested Internet Access & Telecommunication Services for Michigan Health Academy (MHA). We calculated the discount rate based on a survey that is required by Michigan Department of Education (MDE). The discount should be 80%. However SLD modified the discount rate to 20% in the FCD Letter dated 10/5/05 with the following explanation: "The site-specific discount was corrected".

A PIA Initial Reviewer, Mr. Mike Aghachi, communicated with us regarding this issue two times and we responded to him within the allowed 7 day period.

We submitted an appeal to Schools and Libraries Division of the Universal Service (SLD/USAC). SLD/USAC denied our appeal on 11/16/2005 on the basis of missing the family address on the MDE survey form. This survey form is required by the Michigan Dept. of Education (MDE) to determine the eligibility for Title I and Section 31a At-Risk Funding.

Since the required Michigan Department of Education (MDE) survey form was used for income eligibility determination, we feel USAC should give us a chance to rectify the situation and add the family address to the survey form. As you know, MHA is a small charter school with limited resources. Moreover, MHA is located in Detroit where the percentage of qualified students for NSLP is more than 60% which should allow us to get discount rate of 80%. Copies of the survey forms are available in the office. We feel that SLD/USAC's decision to cut our discount rate from 80% to 20% places a burden on small schools like ours to provide continued Internet connection and Telecommunication services for our teachers and students.

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We trust that you will reconsider our request and revise the discount rate to 80 % so that we can continue to provide Internet and telecommunication connections for our teachers and students. If you have any question about this appeal, please contact us at 586-445-7069 or cherba@synergytraining.net.

Sincerely,

Cheryl Herba, Administrator

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Attachments:

1. USAC's decision letter

2. Survey form that is required by MDE

3. Funding Commitment Report



STATE OF MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION LANSING



MICHAEL P. FLANAGAN SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

JENNIFER M. GRANHOLM GOVERNOR

October 6, 2005

MEMORANDUM

TO:

Administrator

FROM:

SUBJECT:

Linda Brown, Assistant Director

Office of School Improvement

October 2005 Counts of Membership Pupils Eligible for Free Breakfast, Lunch or Milk (Form FS-4731-C)

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This packet contains the materials you need to document income eligibility of certain children in your school for the 2005-06 school year. Children who are enrolled in the school on October 31, 2005 and whose family income is at or below the criteria identified on the attached chart (Attachment 1), may qualify your school/academy for additional state and federal funding such as "at risk" and/or Title I. In order to qualify to receive such funding, it is necessary to document the income eligibility of certain children. The collection of this information is necessary if your school chooses not to participate in the National School Lunch, School Breakfast, and/or Special Milk Program for the 2005-06 school year.

Please reprint the attached income chart (Attachment 1), application (Attachment 2), and sample letter (Attachment 3) on your school letterhead and distribute them to all students/families in your school. However, only those families meeting the income criteria on the attached chart should complete and return the application. Also attached is guidance for determining income and household size (Attachment 4), which should also be sent to families to assist them with the application.

Once you have determined the number of eligible children enrolled in your school on October 31, 2005, please refer to the enclosed instructions to complete the enclosed Form FS-4731-C. October 2005 Counts of Membership Pupils Eligible for Free Breakfast, Lunch or Milk and submit it no later than January 13, 2006 to:

> Jayne Klein Office of School Improvement Michigan Department of Education P.O. Box 30008 Lansing, Michigan 48909

in addition to submitting Form FS-4731-C, please enter the student eligibility information in Field 31, Supplemental Nutrition Eligibility, in the Single Record Student Database (SRSD). Should you have questions, please contact Jayne Klein at 517-373-4006.

Enclosures

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Attachment #2

DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY FOR TITLE I AND SECTION 31a, AT-RISK FUNDING

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2005-06 INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES

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1	\$ 12,441	\$ 1,037	\$ 519	\$ 479	\$ 240		
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5	29,393	2,450	1,225	1,131	566		
6	33,631	2,803	1,402	1,294	647		
7	37,869	3,156	1,578	1,457	729		
8	42,107	3,509	1,755	1,620	810		
For each additional family member add:	+ 4,238	+ 354	+ 177	+ 163	+ 82		



Universal Service Administrative Company

Schools & Libraries Division

Administrator's Decision on Appeal - Funding Year 2005-2006

November 16, 2005

Cheryl Herba Heart and Health Academys 24535 Jefferson Avenue St Claire Shores, MI 48080

Re: Applicant Name:

HEART AND HEALTH ACADEMYS

Billed Entity Number:

232868 453660

Form 471 Application Number:

1246674, 1246676, 1246679

Funding Request Number(s): Your Correspondence Dated:

October 15, 2005

After thorough review and investigation of all relevant facts, the Schools and Libraries Division (SLD) of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) has made its decision in regard to your appeal of SLD's Funding Year 2005 Funding Commitment Decision Letter for the Application Number indicated above. This letter explains the basis of SLD's decision. The date of this letter begins the 60-day time period for appealing this decision to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC). If your Letter of Appeal included more than one Application Number, please note that you will receive a separate letter for each application.

Funding Request Number(s):

1246674, 1246676, 1246679

Decision on Appeal:

Denied

Explanation:

- On appeal, you seek reversal of the SLD's decision to reduce the requested site-specific discount from 80% to 20%. In support of your appeal, you state that you complied with SLD request for additional documentation in a timely fashion. You also state that you used Michigan State Survey form to determine the school percentage of students that qualify for the National School Lunch Program.
- After a thorough review of the appeal letter, the documentation submitted during your Form 471 review process and during the appeal process, SLD determined that Michigan Health Academy (BEN 54787) percentage discount should be 20%. As indicated in this documentation, Michigan Health Academy used a federally-approved alternative mechanisms to determine the level of poverty for purposes of the universal service discount program in order to determinate its level of need.

The Schools and Libraries support mechanism requires that if a school chooses to do a survey, the survey must contain the following information: address of family. Since the survey the school provided did not meet this survey guideline, the survey cannot be accepted as valid documentation to support the requested discount. Please visit SLD's Alternative Discount Mechanisms Fact Sheet at http://www.sl.universalservice.org/reference/alt.asp.

- SLD's review of your application determined that your discount eligibility
 percentage was not supported by appropriate documentation. SLD modified your
 discount eligibility percentage using the following documentation: a filled out
 survey/application that was submitted during your form initial review. Since you
 did not demonstrate in your appeal that the adjustment SLD made to your
 discount eligibility percentage was incorrect, SLD denies your appeal.
- You indicated on your Form 471 that your discount eligibility is 80% based upon surveys. FCC rules provide that the discount available to an applicant is determined by indicators of poverty and high cost. 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(b). The level of poverty is measured by the percentage of students enrolled in a school or school district that are eligible for a free or reduced price lunch under the National School Lunch Program, or a federally-approved alternative mechanism. Alternatively, the level of poverty is measured according to participation in Medicaid, food stamps, Supplementary Security Income (SSI), federal public housing assistance or Section 8, or Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, FCC 97-157,n.1334 (rel. May 8,1997). The high cost determination is made pursuant to FCC rules that classify a school or school district as rural or urban. 47 C.F.R. § 54.505(b)(3). An applicant's discount rate is determined by reference to a matrix based upon the level of poverty and whether a school is classified as rural or urban. 47 C.F.R. § 54,505(c).

If your appeal has been approved, but funding has been reduced or denied, you may appeal these decisions to either the SLD or the FCC. For appeals that have been denied in full, partially approved, dismissed, or canceled, you may file an appeal with the FCC. You should refer to CC Docket No. 02-6 on the first page of your appeal to the FCC. Your appeal must be received or postmarked within 60 days of the date on this letter. Failure to meet this requirement will result in automatic dismissal of your appeal. If you are submitting your appeal via United States Postal Service, send to: FCC, Office of the Secretary, 445 12th Street SW, Washington, DC 20554. Further information and options for filing an appeal directly with the FCC can be found in the "Appeals Procedure" posted in the Reference Area of the SLD web site or by contacting the Client Service Bureau. We strongly recommend that you use the electronic filing options.

We thank you for your continued support, patience and cooperation during the appeal process.

Schools and Libraries Division
Universal Service Administrative Company

Cheryl Herba Heart and Health Academys 24535 Jefferson Avenue St Claire Shores, MI 48080

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Billed Entity Number: Form 471 Application Number: Form 486 Application Number:

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